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ORIGINAL POETRY.

TO IDA.

Oh! where does that harp now so silently slumber,  
That oft in melodious harmony rung;  
In hours which friendship delighted to number,  
To which it still fondly and faithfully clung.  
Oh! strike thy lov'd lyre, and the orient wind  
Shall wait in welcome o'er mountain and stream;  
Where the fountain nymph, sportive, mid sun-  
beams recline,  
Shall wreath it forever, in memory's dream.  
The western sepius 'neath heaven's proud dome,  
Shall hallow the soft sounds of thy young min-  
istry,  
And swift the deep echo, from childhood's lov'd  
home,  
Shall steal through creation, dear Ida, to thee.  
Soon, soon, let the muse thy youth's spirit invite,  
Let thy harp, with friendship's true garlands be  
strong;  
That harp which thy genius has oft in delight,  
With fancy's enlivening evergreens hung;  
And still shall melody o'erlive each past hour  
When met with delight, 'neath Cynthia's bright  
ray;  
Is that sacred spot, friendship's beautious bower  
Shall be cherish'd, the remembrance of those  
far away.

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THE GENIUS OF SHAKSPEARE.

Curious mortal! wouldst thou know  
The hidden source of joy and woe;  
Wouldst thou pierce the secret cell,  
Where the kindling passions dwell?  
Going to its destined goal,  
The fiery essence of the soul;  
And learn the wonderous art within,  
That guides so true this nice machine;  
Or Shakespeare's volume danceth eye;  
And catch the sweet philosophy.  
Wouldst thou behold in light scenes,  
Life's pageants in the pictur'd scene;  
In nature's poorest vestments clad,  
As o'er this stage of earth they tread,  
From highest scepter'd monarchs down,  
Unto the lowest lowly clown;  
Of every rank, and set and age,  
Attend to Shakespeare's magic page;  
And at each passing form you see,  
Revere the genuine figure.—

W.

SONNET.

I slept, and dream'd—and in that dream I thought  
The light of other years before me past,  
And scenes of fairy bliss, when time had east  
The pall of desolation—now by fancy brought,  
With all their former grace and beauty fraught:  
And she was there—yes! she—my first—  
but—

My only love—the tie that held me fast  
To both! existence—she by whom was taught  
My earlier dreams and hopes of bliss and love:  
Dreams of the morning, hopes too quickly sped  
Again were mine—and in my arms I strove  
To clasp the angel vision—but it fled—  
And vacancy was left—all all was flown!  
I woke to loneliness made doubly lone.

D.

EARLY RISING.

The pure breath of the morning fair, fair, from  
pernicious—  
The sparkling dew on the grass as it lies;  
The wild flowers exhaling perfumes so delicious,  
Forever enchant those who—early arise.  
The beautiful songster's enlivening notes,  
Their fluttering wings as they soar to the skies;  
Yes, the songs that proceed from their delicate  
throats,  
Will please and attract those who—early arise.  
The soul then expands with delightful sensations,  
Which with ecstasy thrills thro' the hearts of  
the wise,  
And health, wealth, and beauty, resistless temptation.  
Continually court those who—early arise.  
Then look at fair Sol, o'er the horizon peeping,  
With bright and transcendently beautiful eyes,  
And seems to the viewer, as tho' he were greeting  
Those who from their couches do—early arise.

OSCAR.

TO A SISTER.

Yes, Mary, we will soon together,  
Through this world of care and trouble,  
And if misfortune's storms should gather,  
The brother's love will then redouble.  
Yes, still with pride he will protect thee,  
Tho' false friends should slight thee still,  
There yet is one who'll ne'er neglect thee,  
While his heart with life doth thrill.  
Neglect thee! no, dear sister, never,  
While honour's impulse moves my heart;  
Will be thy brother's love forever,  
To set a feeling brother's part.  
While his hand can turn the storm—  
While his heart thy worth can feel—  
While his eyes see me that form,  
Then shall know a brother's zeal.

ALEXANDER.

TO ELIZA.

Yet, I will ventures strike the fire,  
And sound a partial strain to thee,  
Eliza, since thy kind desire  
Would urge the pleasing task from me.

From me, alas! whose feeble muse  
To no exalted claims aspire,  
Eliza still will not refuse,  
Or chide a lay of humble power.

FO! that it sounds in rudeness, still  
The favouring heart will ne'er disdain  
The harp, whose notes on friendship dwell,  
Nor will of cold neglect complain.

Yet while I sweep its thriling strings,  
It much could tell of friendship blighted;  
But round thy heart still fondness dwelt,  
Nor shall that fondness e'er be slighted.

For well I know thy gentle heart  
Was never prone to dark deceit;

And seems alike that savage part,  
Where friendship's claims indifference meet.

Ah! then beware its sad disguise,  
Which leads the mind too oft astray;

For friends are few—those few most wise;

Who early learn who friends should be.

ELLEN.

THE MORALIST.

Pure and undefiled religion, is to do good; and it follows very plainly, that if God be the author and friend of society, then the recognition of him must enforce all social duty, and enlightened piety must give its whole strength to the cause of public order. Few men suspect, perhaps no man comprehends, the extent of the support given by religion to every virtue. No man perhaps is aware, how much our moral and social sentiments are fed from this fountain; how powerless conscience would become without the belief of a God; how piety would be human benevolence; were there not the sense of a higher benevolence to quicken and sustain it; how undoubtedly the whole social fabric would quake, and with what a fearful crash it would sink into hopeless ruins, were the ideas of a Supreme Being, of accountability, and of a future life, to be utterly erased from every mind. And let men thoroughly believe that they are the work and sport of chance; that no superior intelligence concerns itself with human affairs; that all their improvements perish forever at death; that the weak have no guardian, and the injured no avenger; that there is no recompence for sacrifices to uprightness and the public good; that an oath is unheard in heaven; that secret crimes have no witness but the perpetrator; that human existence has no purpose, and human virtue no unfailing friend; that this brief life is every thing to us, and death total, everlasting extinction;—once let them thoroughly abandon religion, and what can conceive or describe the extent of the desolation which would follow? We hope, perhaps, that human laws and natural sympathy would hold society together. As reasonably might we believe, that the sun quenched in the heavens, our torches would illuminate, and our fires quicken and fertilize the creation. What is there in human nature to awaken respect and tenderness, if man is the unprotected insect of a day? and what is he more, if Atheism be true? Erase all thought and fear of God from a community, and selfishness and sensuality would absorb the whole man. Appetite, knowing no restraint, and poverty and suffering having no solace or hope, would trample in scorn on the restraints of human law.—Virtue, duty, principle, would be mocked and spurned as unmeaning sounds. A sordid self interest would supplant every other feeling; and man would become in fact, what the theory of Atheism declares him to be, a companion for brutes.

THE SEA CAPTAIN.

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TO READERS AND CORRESPONDENTS.

"Ellen," "Dianas, No. 7," "Antonio," "Linden," "A Romantic Stream," and "A Parody," shall receive the earliest attention.

We have two correspondents who make use of the signature of "Frederick."

Is it possible the writer of "Purse and Poetry" is serious, when he assumes an air of such offence, respecting the use made of his article—an article which he himself holds so lightly, that it was "merely written on the whim of the moment," and its publication a matter of "almost entire indifference?" What was his object in sending the communication? Was it with an expectation of having it inserted? If so, which portion? The one hundred and forty-six lines of poetry alone, or with the accompanying preamble, in prose, of about three pages? We think he could not reasonably have expected this; and therefore, as the entire could not have been meant for publication, was it unreasonable to presume, that we were left at liberty to take a part, and such part as we might consider preferable, with such alterations as would be requisite to preserve some kind of connection?

As to our having mistaken the tenor of the performance, and rendered the "selection" unintelligible, we differ somewhat in opinion, though the omission of certain allusions, improper in such an article, may have led to the mistake on his part, and the slight alterations on ours; for, whatever views our correspondent may have of the Supreme Being, we think it a subject of more reverence than to be trifled with, in any shape, and shall fashion our course accordingly. We cannot, we repeat, believe our correspondent scruples, in his views of the subject, as presented to us, and shall therefore take no further notice of the matter.

The weather this week has been pleasant, one or two days warm, and the whole diversified with occasional showers. This latter is no doubt highly acceptable to our farmers, whose crops of corn have suffered considerably from the drought. We believe, however, that, generally speaking, they have little cause of complaint, as any deficiency which may be sustained in this article has been amply made up by the quality and abundance of most of their other produce. Another cause of thankfulness is the general good health with which both our city and country has this season been so favoured. The blessings of health are indeed calculated to call forth the heart-felt thanks of all, particularly such as have been at any time visited by the hand of sickness—they can more sensibly appreciate the difference, the great difference, which exists between the glowing animation of health, and the languid pulse of disease. To be stretched on a bed of sickness,—to waste away the slow-paced moments in restless anxiety and pale suspense,—confined to the close chamber, where the fresh and wholesome air of Heaven is scarce permitted to find entrance, for fear of too harshly touching the brow, pale and feverish, with the near approach of dissolution, is a striking, a great contrast, to the strong pulse, the nerves braced with energy, and the whole system glowing with the spirit of health and animation, and performing its accustomed functions with ease and regularity—a contrast which all have observed, and many have felt, the contemplation of which cannot but forcibly impress the mind with a sense of the high obligation we are under to that power, which giveth and taketh away, and to whom the daily offering of the heart, and its grateful feelings, is not only a pleasure, but a wise and reasonable service.

Most of our readers have no doubt heard, before this, of the "Garland," a collection of American Poetry, edited by G. A. Gamgee, who is himself one of our first poets, as the readers of "Montgarnier" will acknowledge, and well qualified for a task requiring so much taste and discrimination. We have not seen the work, but hear it highly spoken of by those who are capable of judging. Mr. Little, it is understood, is agent for the "Garland" in this city.

The American Athenaeum, or Repository of the Arts, Sciences and Belles Lettres, a valuable miscellany, recently commenced, in New York, is now under the editorial management of Dr. James G. Percival, a name which, in addition to its other claims, must ensure to this work, an extensive and valuable circulation.

Would be a curious and interesting research, were it possible to analyze the various disorders of the human system, and trace many of them to their origin—to see what proportion of the diseases which prey on those around us, and are daily consigning more to the grave, arise from the operation of the mind on the body, by an improper indulgence of unnecessary anxiety, gloomy reflections, an unsocial despondency, or the effects of dread or apprehension; and how many complaints, that have terminated fatally, might have been averted by the benign influence of good nature, cheerfulness, and a due consideration to the claims of social intercourse and pleasantness. Many cases of sickness, we have no doubt, owe their origin and continuance to mere apprehension, a hypochondriacal affection, which operates unseen, and beyond the reach of the physician, unless he possess the power of

Administering to a mind diseased."

We knew an instance, within a few weeks past, of a person operated upon, something in this way, and which might, if not checked in season, have terminated seriously. It was during the recent warm weather, when as many were failing around us, a prey, in too many instances, to intemperance, or their own culpable imprudence, that he first began to imagine himself unwell, though at the same time in the actual enjoyment of such health as few are favoured with. Every new account of death was listened to with eagerness, and dwelt on with fearful apprehensions of the uncertainty of life, and the great probability of death's stealing, unawares, among the gay and thoughtless—snatching his victim from the crowd, and bearing it to all the gloomy terrors of the grave, which were pictured forth in tenfold horror by a busy and distempered imagination. His sleep began to grow restless and disturbed—he was pale and thoughtful, and began already to feel the approach of some terrible calamity. One physician was called on, whose prescription was followed, and its operation watched with fearful foreboding.

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We did not advert in our last to the continued success of the Philadelphians in lottery adventures—we observed by the daily papers that the 40,000 dollar prize drawn in the Baltimore Lottery was owned by a gentleman of this city, who obtained the Cash for this splendid gift of Fortune on presentation of his ticket at Messrs. Cohen & Brothers' office.—Mr. P. Canfield sold the Capital Prize of \$30,000 in the Union Canal Lottery 17th class, (in shares) and paid one quarter of it the present week, to a lady in Walnut street who was the fortunate holder of it.

MANAYUNK.—This is probably the most flourishing place in the U. States. Mankind are so apt to look abroad for marvelous things that they overlook what there is near home. And in Philadelphia especially, people are overawed by the continual reports of the unparalleled exploits of—another quarter—Here is a town of two thousand souls grown up, where five years ago, if we are not mistaken, there was nothing but a toll house; within ten miles of Philadelphia, and still in progression with prodigious strides—at least fifty houses now building and there are a hundred and twenty thousand people within two hours ride or row of it, who never saw Manayunk, may be one hundred thousand of the who never heard of it. Could Manayunk have grown faster, even if it had been placed in the 'first state' in the Union? Would Manayunk have remained so little proclaimed if it were so near the London of America?

Highly Interesting.—We have received, says the Baltimore Gazette of Saturday, by the schooner Blucher, Capt. Smith, in 23 days from Sacrificios, Mexican papers to the 1st of July, containing the official accounts of the surrender to the Mexican government of the Spanish 74 gun ship Asia, and brig of war Constante! It will be recollect that these vessels were not included in the capitulation made at Acapulco, but sailed from Callao with some of the officers of the defeated army, for Manila. The Gazette has translated the Dispatch of Gen. Victoria, announcing this surrender, together with the articles of capitulation enclosed in it, but the editors remark that the documents alluded to in the Dispatch, detailing the occurrences that preceded the surrender at Monterrey, are too long for present publication.

From St. Thomas.—By the brig Monroe, arrived at New York from St. Thomas, files of St Thomas papers to the 19th ult. have been received. In order to render the intercourse between Barbadoes, Demerara and St. Thomas less difficult, it was proposed to establish a line of steam boats to plough between those islands; the funds for carrying which scheme into effect it was calculated would amount to £100,000, and could be raised in the colonies and Great Britain.

A letter from Buenos Ayres of May 10th, says, "It is believed the patriots of the Bands Oriental will succeed in liberating their province from the yoke of its usurper, and we sincerely hope they may. We should not be surprised if the revolution now going on in the Bands Oriental should spread throughout the dominions of the emperor Don Pedro I."

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